

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A circular permanent magnet array comprising:

a plurality of elongate magnets each having a longitudinal axis, the magnets arranged around a common central axis of rotation with the longitudinal axes located parallel to and radially offset from the axis of rotation; and

a nonmagnetic magnet holder encapsulating the magnets and being adapted to hold the magnets in a fixed position, the magnet holder being made of a material selected from the group consisting of (i) conventional plastic, (ii) reinforced thermoplastic and (iii) compression molded fiber and epoxy.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended in this Response. Support for the amendment of claim 1 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 4, line 19 of the as-filed application. No claims have been canceled, and no new claims have been added. Claims 1-26 will therefore be pending upon entry of the foregoing amendment.

The Examiner has stated in the Office Action that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 27, 2000 fails to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(1). In response, Applicants will file a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(1).